# Wigner operator's new transformation in phase space quantum mechanics and its applications \*

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#### Abstract

Using operators' Weyl ordering expansion formula (Hong-yi Fan, J. Phys. A 25 (1992) 3443) we find new two-fold integration transformation about the Wigner operator  $\Delta(q', p')$  (q-number transform) in phase space quantum mechanics,

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}p' \mathrm{d}q'}{\pi} \Delta \left( q', p' \right) e^{-2i \left( p - p' \right) \left( q - q' \right)} = \delta \left( p - P \right) \delta \left( q - Q \right),$$

and its inverse

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty}\mathrm{d}q\mathrm{d}p\delta\left(p-P\right)\delta\left(q-Q\right)e^{2i\left(p-p'\right)\left(q-q'\right)}=\Delta\left(q',p'\right),$$

where Q, P are the coordinate and momentum operators, respectively. We apply it to studying mutual converting formulas among Q - P ordering, P - Q ordering and Weyl ordering of operators. In this way, the contents of phase space quantum mechanics can be enriched.

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#### 1 Introduction

Phase space quantum mechanics (PSQM) pioneered by Wigner [1] and Weyl [2] has been paid more and more attention since the foundation of quantum mechanics, because it has wide applications in quantum statistics, quantum optics, and quantum chemistry. In PSQM observables and states are replaced by functions on classical phase space so that expected values are calculated, as in classical statistical physics, by averaging over the phase space. The phase-space approaches provides valuable physical insight and allows us to describe alike classical and quantum processes using the similar language. Development of phase space quantum mechanics [3-5] always accompanies with solving operator ordering problems. Weyl proposed a scheme for quantizing classical coordinate and momentum quantity  $q^m p^n$  (c-number) as the quantum operators (q-number) in the following way

$$q^m p^n \to \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^m \sum_{l=0}^m {m \choose l} Q^{m-l} P^n Q^l, \tag{1}$$

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where Q, P are the coordinate and momentum operators, respectively,  $[Q, P] = i\hbar$ . (Later in this work we set  $\hbar = 1$ ). The right-hand side of (1) is in Weyl ordering, so we introduced the symbol  $\vdots$  to characterize it [6-7], and

$$q^{m}p^{n} \rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} {m \choose l} Q^{m-l} P^{n} Q^{l}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{m} \sum_{l=0}^{m} {m \choose l} Q^{m-l} P^{n} Q^{l} = \frac{1}{2} Q^{m} P^{n} ; \qquad (2)$$

where in the second step we have used the property that Bose operators are commutative within  $\vdots$ . This is like the fact that Bose operators are commutative within the normal ordering symbol : :. The Weyl quantization rule between an operator H(P,Q) and its classical correspondence is

$$H\left(P,Q\right) = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p h\left(p,q\right) \Delta\left(q,p\right), \tag{3}$$

where  $\Delta\left(q,p\right)$  is the Wigner operator [2-5] [8]. Using  $\vdots$  we have invented the integration technique within Weyl ordered product of operators with which we constructed an operators' Weyl ordering expansion formula (see Eq. (21) below), which is the same as Eq. (53) in Ref. [6]). In this work we shall use this formula to find new two-fold q-number integration transformation about the Wigner operator  $\Delta\left(q',p'\right)$  in phase space quantum mechanics (see Eqs. (33) and (34) below), which helps to convert P-Q ordering and Q-P ordering to Weyl ordering, and vice versa. The work is arranged as follows: In Sec. 2 we briefly review the Weyl ordered form of Wigner operator. In Sec. 3 we derive the Weyl ordering forms of  $\delta\left(p-P\right)\delta\left(q-Q\right)$  and  $\delta\left(q-Q\right)\delta\left(p-P\right)$ , their transformation to the Wigner operator is shown in Sec. 4. Based on Sec. 4 we in Sec. 5 propose a new c-number integration transformation in p-q phase space, see Eq. (35) below, and its inverse transformation, which possesses Parsval-like theorem. Secs. 6-8 are devoted to deriving mutual converting formulas among Q-P ordering, P-Q ordering and Weyl ordering of operators. In this way, the contents of phase space quantum mechanics can be enriched.

## 2 The Weyl ordered form of Wigner operator

According to Eq. (3) we can rewrite Eq. (2) as

$$\vdots Q^{m}P^{n} \vdots = \iint \mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p q^{m}p^{n} \Delta\left(q,p\right), \tag{4}$$

which implies that the integration kernel (the Wigner operator) is [6-7]

$$\Delta(q,p) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(q-Q)\delta(p-P) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(p-P)\delta(q-Q) = .$$
 (5)

Substituting (5) into (3) yields H(P,Q) = h(P,Q), where h(P,Q) is just the result of replacing  $p \to P, q \to Q$  in h(p,q) and then putting it within ii. Further, using

$$Q = \frac{a + a^{\dagger}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad P = \frac{a - a^{\dagger}}{\sqrt{2}\mathbf{i}}, \quad \alpha = \frac{q + \mathbf{i}p}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \left[a, a^{\dagger}\right] = 1, \tag{6}$$

we can express

$$\Delta(q, p) \to \Delta(\alpha, \alpha^*) = \frac{1}{2} : \delta(\alpha - a) \delta(\alpha^* - a^{\dagger}) :$$
 (7)

It then follows

Thus the neat expression of  $\Delta(q, p)$  in Dirac's delta function form is very useful, one of its uses is that the marginal distributions of Wigner operator can be clearly shown, due to the coordinate and momentum projectors are respectively

$$|q\rangle\langle q| = \delta(q - Q) = \left[\delta(q - Q)\right],$$
 (9)

$$|p\rangle\langle p| = \delta(p-P) = \frac{1}{2}\delta(p-P)\frac{1}{2},$$
 (10)

we immediately know that the following marginal integration

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq \Delta (q, p) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta (q - Q) \delta (p - P) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \delta (p$$

similarly,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \Delta (q, p) = \frac{1}{2} \delta (q - Q) = |q\rangle \langle q|.$$
 (12)

It then follows the completeness of  $\Delta(q, p)$ ,

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p \Delta (q, p) = 1, \tag{13}$$

so the Weyl rule for H(P,Q) in (3) can also be viewed as H's expansion in terms of  $\Delta(q,p)$ . When H(P,Q) is in Weyl ordered, which means H(P,Q) = H(P,Q), then using the completeness (13)

as if  $\Delta(q, p)$  was the "eigenvector" of H(P, Q). On the other hand, due to the normally ordered forms of  $|q\rangle\langle q|$  and  $|p\rangle\langle p|$  [8]

$$|q\rangle\langle q| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} : e^{-(q-Q)^2} : ,$$
 (15)

$$|p\rangle\langle p| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} : e^{-(p-P)^2} : ,$$
 (16)

we know the normally ordered form of  $\Delta(q, p)$  [9]

$$\Delta(q,p) = \frac{1}{\pi} : e^{-(q-Q)^2 - (p-P)^2} : = \frac{1}{\pi} : e^{-2(\alpha^* - a^{\dagger})(\alpha - a)} : = \Delta(\alpha, \alpha^*).$$
 (17)

Using the completeness relation of the coherent state  $|\beta\rangle$ ,

$$\int \frac{d^2 \beta}{\pi} |\beta\rangle \langle \beta| = 1, \ |\beta\rangle = \exp\left[-\frac{|\beta|^2}{2} + \beta a^{\dagger}\right] |0\rangle, \ a |\beta\rangle = \beta |\beta\rangle, \tag{18}$$

where  $[a, a^{\dagger}] = 1$ ,  $|\beta\rangle$  is the coherent state [10-11], we have

$$2\pi \operatorname{Tr}\Delta\left(\alpha, \alpha^{*}\right) = 2\operatorname{Tr}\left[: e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*} - a^{\dagger}\right)\left(\alpha - a\right)}: \int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} \left|\beta\right\rangle \left\langle\beta\right|\right]$$
$$= 2\int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*} - \beta^{*}\right)\left(\alpha - \beta\right)} = 1,\tag{19}$$

this is equivalent to (13). Using (17) we also easily obtain

$$\operatorname{Tr}\left[\Delta\left(\alpha,\alpha^{*}\right)\Delta\left(\alpha',\alpha'^{*}\right)\right]$$

$$=\frac{1}{\pi^{2}}\operatorname{Tr}\left[:e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*}-a^{\dagger}\right)\left(\alpha-a\right)}:\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi}\left|\beta\right\rangle\left\langle\beta\right|:e^{-2\left(\alpha'^{*}-a^{\dagger}\right)\left(\alpha'-a\right)}:\right]$$

$$=\operatorname{Tr}\left[\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi^{3}}e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*}-a^{\dagger}\right)\left(\alpha-\beta\right)}\left|\beta\right\rangle\left\langle\beta\right|e^{-2\left(\alpha'^{*}-\beta^{*}\right)\left(\alpha'-a\right)}\right]$$

$$=\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi}\left\langle\beta\right|e^{-2\left(\alpha'^{*}-\beta^{*}\right)\left(\alpha'-a\right)}e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*}-a^{\dagger}\right)\left(\alpha-\beta\right)}\left|\beta\right\rangle$$

$$=\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi}e^{-2\left(\alpha^{*}-\beta^{*}\right)\left(\alpha-\beta\right)-2\left(\alpha'^{*}-\beta^{*}\right)\left(\alpha'-\beta\right)}e^{4\left(\alpha-\beta\right)\left(\alpha'^{*}-\beta^{*}\right)}$$

$$=\int\frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi^{3}}e^{2\beta^{*}\left(\alpha'-\alpha\right)-2\beta\left(\alpha'^{*}-\alpha^{*}\right)-2\left|\alpha\right|^{2}-2\left|\alpha'\right|^{2}+4\alpha\alpha'^{*}}$$

$$=\frac{1}{4\pi}\delta\left(\alpha-\alpha'\right)\delta\left(\alpha^{*}-\alpha'^{*}\right). \tag{20}$$

## **3** Weyl ordering of $\delta(p-P) \delta(q-Q)$ and $\delta(q-Q) \delta(p-P)$

In Refs. [6-7] we have presented operators' Weyl ordering expansion formula

$$\rho = 2 \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \beta}{\pi} \left[ \langle -\beta | \rho | \beta \rangle \exp \left[ 2 \left( \beta^* a - a^{\dagger} \beta + a^{\dagger} a \right) \right] \right] . \tag{21}$$

For the pure coherent state density operator  $|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$ , using (21) and the overlap  $\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle=\exp[-\frac{1}{2}\left(|\alpha|^2+|\beta|^2\right)+\alpha^*\beta]$  we derive

$$|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| = 2 : \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{2}\beta}{\pi} \langle -\beta | \alpha\rangle\langle\alpha| \beta\rangle \exp[2(\beta^{*}a - a^{\dagger}\beta + a^{\dagger}a)] :$$

$$= 2 : \exp[-2(\alpha - a)(\alpha^{*} - a^{\dagger})] :$$

$$= 2 : \exp[-(p - P)^{2} - (q - Q)^{2}] :, \tag{22}$$

thus the Weyl ordered form of pure coherent state  $|\alpha\rangle\langle\alpha|$  is a Gaussian in p-q space. Combining Eqs. (21), (8) and (20) yields

$$2\pi \operatorname{Tr}\left[\rho\Delta\left(\alpha,\alpha^{*}\right)\right] = 4\int d^{2}\beta \left\langle -\beta \right| \rho \left| \beta \right\rangle \operatorname{Tr}\left\{ \stackrel{\cdot}{:} \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}a - a^{\dagger}\beta + a^{\dagger}a\right)\right] \stackrel{\cdot}{:} \Delta\left(\alpha,\alpha^{*}\right) \right\}$$

$$= 4\int d^{2}\beta \left\langle -\beta \right| \rho \left| \beta \right\rangle \operatorname{Tr}\left[2\int d^{2}\alpha' \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}\alpha' - \alpha'^{*}\beta + \alpha'^{*}\alpha'\right)\right] \Delta\left(\alpha',\alpha'^{*}\right) \Delta\left(\alpha,\alpha^{*}\right) \right]$$

$$= 2\int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} \left\langle -\beta \right| \rho \left| \beta \right\rangle \int d^{2}\alpha' \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}\alpha' - \alpha'^{*}\beta + \alpha'^{*}\alpha\right)\right] \delta\left(\alpha - \alpha'\right) \delta\left(\alpha^{*} - \alpha'^{*}\right)$$

$$= 2\int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} \left\langle -\beta \right| \rho \left| \beta \right\rangle \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}\alpha - \alpha^{*}\beta + \alpha^{*}\alpha\right)\right], \tag{23}$$

which is just an alternate expression of the Wigner function of  $\rho$ , comparing (21) with (23) we see that the latter is just the result of replacing  $a \to \alpha$ ,  $a^{\dagger} \to \alpha^*$ , in the former, this is because that the right hand side of (21) is in Weyl ordering.

Now we examine what is the Weyl ordering of  $\delta(p-P) \delta(q-Q)$ . Using the completeness relation of  $|q\rangle$ , the coordinate eigenstate, and the completeness relation of the momentum eigenstate  $|p\rangle$ ,

 $\langle q | p \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{ipq}$ , we have

$$\delta(p-P)\,\delta(q-Q) = \int dp'\,|p'\rangle\,\langle p'|\,\delta(p-P)\,\delta(q-Q)\int dq'\,|q'\rangle\,\langle q'|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\int dp'\,|p'\rangle\int dq'\,\langle q'|\,\delta(p-p')\,\delta(q-q')\,e^{-ip'q'}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\,|p\rangle\,\langle q|\,e^{-ipq}. \tag{24}$$

The overlap between  $\langle q|$  and the coherent state is

$$\langle q | \beta \rangle = \pi^{-1/4} \exp \left\{ -\frac{q^2}{2} + \sqrt{2}q\beta - \frac{1}{2}\beta^2 - \frac{1}{2}|\beta|^2 \right\},$$
 (25)

and

$$\langle -\beta | p \rangle = \pi^{-1/4} \exp \left\{ -\frac{p^2}{2} - \sqrt{2}ip\beta^* + \frac{1}{2}\beta^{*2} - \frac{1}{2}|\beta|^2 \right\}.$$
 (26)

Substituting (24) into (21) and using (25)-(26) lead to

$$\delta(p-P)\delta(q-Q)$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} : \langle -\beta | p \rangle \langle q | e^{-ipq} | \beta \rangle \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}a - a^{\dagger}\beta + a^{\dagger}a\right)\right] :$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} e^{-\frac{q^{2}+p^{2}}{2}-ipq} \int \frac{d^{2}\beta}{\pi} : \exp\left\{-|\beta|^{2} + \sqrt{2}q\beta - \sqrt{2}ip\beta^{*}\right\}$$

$$\times \exp\left[2\left(\beta^{*}a - a^{\dagger}\beta + a^{\dagger}a\right) - \frac{\beta^{2}}{2} + \frac{\beta^{*2}}{2}\right] :$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} : \exp\{\sqrt{2}q\left(a - a^{\dagger}\right) + \sqrt{2}ip\left(a + a^{\dagger}\right) - 2ipq + a^{\dagger 2} - a^{2} - a^{\dagger}a\} :$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} : \exp[-2i\left(q - Q\right)(p - P)] :$$

$$(27)$$

Similarly, we can derive

$$\delta(q - Q) \,\delta(p - P) = 2 \int \frac{d^2 \beta}{\pi} \left[ \langle -\beta | q \rangle \langle p | e^{ipq} | \beta \rangle \exp\left[ 2 \left( \beta^* a - a^{\dagger} \beta + a^{\dagger} a \right) \right] \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \left[ \exp\left[ 2i \left( q - Q \right) (p - P) \right] \right] .$$
(28)

Eqs. (27)-(28) are the Weyl ordered forms of  $\delta\left(p-P\right)\delta\left(q-Q\right)$  and  $\delta\left(q-Q\right)\delta\left(p-P\right)$  , respectively.

#### 4 The new transformation of Wigner operator

Taking  $\frac{1}{\pi}$   $\exp[-2i(q-Q)(p-P)]$  as an integration kernel of the following integration transformation with the result K(P,Q),

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}p\mathrm{d}q}{\pi} f(p,q) \stackrel{:}{:} \exp[-2\mathrm{i}(q-Q)(p-P)] \stackrel{:}{:} = \stackrel{:}{:} K(P,Q) \stackrel{:}{:}, \tag{29}$$

then from (27) we have

$$\vdots K(P,Q) \vdots = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}p \mathrm{d}q f(p,q) \, \delta(p-P) \, \delta(q-Q) = f(p,q) |_{p \to P, \ q \to Q, \ P \text{ before } Q, }$$
 (30)

this is the integration formula for quantizing classical function f(p,q) as P-Q ordering of operators. On the other hand, from (28) we have

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}p \mathrm{d}q}{\pi} f(p,q) \stackrel{:}{:} \exp[2\mathrm{i} (q-Q) (p-P)] \stackrel{:}{:} \\
= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}p \mathrm{d}q f(p,q) \delta(q-Q) \delta(p-P) = f(p,q) |_{q \to Q, p \to P, Q \text{ before } P}, \tag{31}$$

this is the scheme of quantizing classical function f(p,q) as Q-P ordering of operators.

By noticing (5) we see

$$\frac{1}{\pi} : \exp[-2i (q - Q) (p - P)] :$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint dp' dq' e^{-2i (q - q') (p - p')} : \delta (q' - Q) \delta (p' - P) :$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \iint dp' dq' \Delta (q', p') e^{-2i (p - p') (q - q')}.$$
(32)

It then follows from (32) and (27) that

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \iint \mathrm{d}p' \mathrm{d}q' \Delta \left( q', p' \right) e^{-2\mathrm{i} \left( p - p' \right) \left( q - q' \right)} = \delta \left( p - P \right) \delta \left( q - Q \right). \tag{33}$$

Similarly we can derive

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \iint dp' dq' \Delta(q', p') e^{2i(p-p')(q-q')} = \delta(q-Q) \delta(p-P), \qquad (34)$$

so  $e^{\pm 2i(p-p')(q-q')}/\pi$  can be considered the classical Weyl correspondence of  $\delta\left(q-Q\right)\delta\left(p-P\right)$  and  $\delta\left(p-P\right)\delta\left(q-Q\right)$ , respectively. Moreover, the inverse transform of (32) is

$$\iint \frac{\mathrm{d}q \,\mathrm{d}p}{\pi} : \exp[-2i (q - Q) (p - P)] : e^{2i (p - p') (q - q')}$$

$$= \iint \frac{\mathrm{d}q \,\mathrm{d}p}{\pi} \iint dp'' dq'' \Delta (q'', p'') e^{-2i (p - p'') (q - q'') + 2i (p - p') (q - q')}$$

$$= \iint dp'' dq'' \Delta (q'', p'') e^{-2i (p'' q'' - p' q')} \delta (q' - q'') \delta (p' - p'') = \Delta (q', p'). \tag{35}$$

which means

$$\iint dq dp \delta(p-P) \delta(q-Q) e^{2i(p-p')(q-q')} = \Delta(q',p'), \qquad (36)$$

or

$$\iint dq dp \delta(q-Q) \delta(p-P) e^{-2i(p-p')(q-q')} = \Delta(q',p'). \tag{37}$$

Eqs. (33)-(37) are new transformations of the Wigner operator in q-p phase space.

## 5 The new transformation in phase space

Further, multiplying both sides of (35) from the left by  $\iint dq' dp' h(p', q')$  we obtain

$$\iint dq' dp' h(p', q') \Delta(q', p')$$

$$= \iint dq' dp' h(p', q') \iint \frac{dq dp}{\pi} \stackrel{:}{:} \exp[-2i(q - Q)(p - P)] \stackrel{:}{:} e^{2i(p - p')(q - q')}$$

$$= \iint \frac{dq dp}{\pi} \stackrel{:}{:} \exp[-2i(q - Q)(p - P)] \stackrel{:}{:} G(p, q), \qquad (38)$$

where we have introduced

$$G(p,q) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi} \iint dq' dp' h(p',q') e^{2i(p-p')(q-q')}, \tag{39}$$

this is a new interesting transformation, because when h(p', q') = 1,

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \iint dq' dp' e^{2i(p-p')(q-q')} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dq' \delta(q-q') e^{2ip(q-q')} = 1.$$
 (40)

The inverse of (39) is

$$\iint \frac{dq dp}{\pi} e^{-2i(p-p')(q-q')} G(p,q) = h(p',q'). \tag{41}$$

In fact, substituting (39) into the left-hand side of (41) yields

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p}{\pi} \iint \frac{\mathrm{d}q'' \mathrm{d}p''}{\pi} h(p'', q'') e^{2i \left[ (p-p'') (q-q'') - (p-p') (q-q') \right]} \\
= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}q'' \mathrm{d}p'' h(p'', q'') e^{2i \left( p'' q'' - p' q' \right)} \delta\left( p'' - p' \right) \delta\left( q'' - q' \right) = h(p', q'). \tag{42}$$

This transformation's Parsval-like theorem is

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p}{\pi} |h(p,q)|^{2} \\
= \iint_{-\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}q' \mathrm{d}p'}{\pi} |G(p',q')|^{2} \iint_{\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}p'' \mathrm{d}q''}{\pi} e^{2i(p''q''-p'q')} \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}q \mathrm{d}p}{\pi} e^{2i[(-p''p-q''q)+(pp'+q'q)]} \\
= \iint_{-\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}q' \mathrm{d}p'}{\pi} |G(p',q')|^{2} \iint_{\pi} \mathrm{d}p'' \mathrm{d}q'' e^{2i(p''q''-p'q')} \delta(q'-q'') \delta(p'-p'') = \iint_{\pi} \frac{\mathrm{d}q' \mathrm{d}p'}{\pi} |G(p',q')|^{2}. \tag{43}$$

## 6 P-Q ordering and Q-P ordering to Weyl ordering

We now use the above transformation to discuss some operator ordering problems. For instance, from the integration formula

$$\iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y}{\pi} x^m y^r \exp[2\mathrm{i}(y-s)(x-t)] = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathrm{i})^r H_{m,r}\left(\sqrt{2}t, \mathrm{i}\sqrt{2}s\right),\tag{44}$$

where  $H_{m,r}$  is the two-variable Hermite polynomials [12-13],

$$H_{m,r}(t,s) = \sum_{l=0}^{\min(m,r)} \frac{m!r!(-1)^l}{l!(m-l)!(r-l)!} t^{m-l} s^{r-l}.$$
 (45)

Eq. (44) can be proved as follows:

L.H.S. of (44) = 
$$e^{2ist} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^r \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^m \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathrm{d}x\mathrm{d}y}{\pi} e^{2ixy} \exp[-2iyt - 2isx]$$
  
=  $e^{2ist} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^r \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^m \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathrm{d}x e^{-2isx} \delta(x-t)$   
=  $e^{2ist} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\right)^r \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial s}\right)^m e^{-2ist}$  = R.H.S. of (44). (46)

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Using (28) and (44) we know

$$Q^{m}P^{r} = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp dq q^{m} p^{r} \delta (q - Q) \delta (p - P)$$

$$= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp dq}{\pi} q^{m} p^{r} \stackrel{:}{:} \exp[2i (p - P) (q - Q)] \stackrel{:}{:}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-i)^{r} \stackrel{:}{:} H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}Q, i\sqrt{2}P\right) \stackrel{:}{:}, \tag{47}$$

this is a simpler way to put  $Q^m P^r$  into its Weyl ordering. Similarly, using (27) and the complex conjugate of (44) we see that the Weyl ordered form of  $P^r Q^m$  is

$$P^{r}Q^{m} = \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp dq p^{r} q^{m} \delta (p - P) \delta (q - Q)$$

$$= \iint_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dp dq}{\pi} : \exp[-2i (q - Q) (p - P)] : q^{m} p^{r}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (i)^{r} : H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}Q, -i\sqrt{2}P\right) : . \tag{48}$$

#### 7 Weyl ordering to P-Q ordering and Q-P ordering

According to (39) and (41) we know that the inverse transform of (44) is

$$\iint \frac{\mathrm{d}s\mathrm{d}t}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathrm{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}t, \mathrm{i}\sqrt{2}s\right) e^{-2\mathrm{i}(y-s)(x-t)} = x^m y^r,\tag{49}$$

which is a new integration formula. Then from (27) and (49) we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathbf{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}Q, \mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}P\right) |_{P \text{ before } Q}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathbf{i})^r \iint dp dq \delta (p-P) \delta (q-Q) H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}q, \mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}p\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathbf{i})^r \iint \frac{dp dq}{\pi} H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}q, \mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}p\right) \stackrel{\cdot}{:} e^{-2\mathbf{i}(q-Q)(p-P)} \stackrel{\cdot}{:} = \stackrel{\cdot}{:} Q^m P^r \stackrel{\cdot}{:} . \tag{50}$$

Due to (45) we see

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (-\mathbf{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}Q, \mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}P\right)|_{P \text{ before } Q} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2}\right)^l l! \binom{r}{l} \binom{m}{l} P^{r-l} Q^{m-l}, \tag{51}$$

so (50)-(51) leads to

$$\vdots Q^m P^r \vdots = \sum_{l=0} \left(\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2}\right)^l l! \binom{r}{l} \binom{m}{l} P^{r-l} Q^{m-l},$$
 (52)

Eq. (50) or Eq. (52) is the fundamental formula of converting Weyl ordered operator to its P-Q ordering.

Similarly, from (28) and the hermite conjugate of (49) we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (\mathbf{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}Q, -\mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}P\right) |_{Q \text{ before } P}$$

$$= \iint dp dq \delta (q - Q) \delta (p - P) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (\mathbf{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}q, -\mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}p\right)$$

$$= \iint \frac{dp dq}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (\mathbf{i})^r H_{m,r} \left(\sqrt{2}q, -\mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}p\right) \stackrel{\cdot}{:} e^{2\mathbf{i}(q-Q)(p-P)} \stackrel{\cdot}{:} \vdots$$

$$= \stackrel{\cdot}{:} Q^m P^r \stackrel{\cdot}{:} = \stackrel{\cdot}{:} P^r Q^m \stackrel{\cdot}{:}, \tag{53}$$

so

$$\vdots Q^m P^r \vdots = \sum_{l=0} \left(\frac{-\mathbf{i}}{2}\right)^l l! \binom{r}{l} \binom{m}{l} Q^{m-l} P^{r-l},$$
 (54)

this is the fundamental formula of converting Weyl ordered operator to its Q-P ordering, which is in contrast to (52).

#### 8 Q-P ordering to P-Q ordering and vice versa

Combining (47) and (52) together we derive

$$Q^{m}P^{r} = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!r!}{l!(m-l)!(r-l)!} (\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2})^{l} \vdots Q^{m-l}P^{r-l} \vdots$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!r!}{l!(m-l)!(r-l)!} (\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2})^{l} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2}\right)^{k} k! \binom{r-l}{k} \binom{m-l}{k} P^{r-l-k}Q^{m-l-k}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!r!}{l!(m-l-k)!(r-l-k)!k!} (\frac{\mathbf{i}}{2})^{l+k} P^{r-l-k}Q^{m-l-k}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{m!r!}{(m-k)!(r-k)!k!} (\mathbf{i})^{k} P^{r-k}Q^{m-k}, \tag{55}$$

which puts  $Q^m P^r$  to its P - Q ordering. It then follows the commutator

$$[Q^m, P^r] = \sum_{k=1}^{m!r!} \frac{m!r!}{(m-k)!(r-k)!k!} (i)^k P^{r-k} Q^{m-k}.$$
 (56)

On the other hand, from (48), (45) and (54) we have

$$P^{r}Q^{m} = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^{m+r} (\mathbf{i})^{r} : H_{m,r}\left(\sqrt{2}Q, -\mathbf{i}\sqrt{2}P\right) :$$

$$= : \sum_{l=0} \frac{m!r!}{l!(m-l)!(r-l)!} (\frac{-\mathbf{i}}{2})^{l} : Q^{m-l}P^{r-l} :$$

$$= \sum_{l=0} \frac{m!r!}{l!(m-l)!(r-l)!} (\frac{-\mathbf{i}}{2})^{l} \sum_{k=0} \left(\frac{-\mathbf{i}}{2}\right)^{k} k! \binom{r-l}{k} \binom{m-l}{k} Q^{m-l-k}P^{r-l-k}$$

$$= \sum_{l=0} \frac{m!r!}{(m-k)!(r-k)!k!} (-\mathbf{i})^{k} Q^{m-k}P^{r-k}, \tag{57}$$

which puts  $P^rQ^m$  to its Q-P ordering. Thus (56) is also equal to

$$[Q^m, P^r] = \sum_{k=1}^{m!r!} \frac{m!r!}{(m-k)!(r-k)!k!} (-i)^k Q^{m-k} P^{r-k}.$$
(58)

## 9 P-Q ordering or Q-P ordering expansion of $(P+Q)^n$

Due to

$$(P+Q)^{n} = \frac{\mathrm{d}^{n}}{\mathrm{d}\lambda^{n}} e^{\lambda(P+Q)} \Big|_{\lambda=0} = \frac{\mathrm{d}^{n}}{\mathrm{d}\lambda^{n}} : e^{\lambda(P+Q)} : \Big|_{\lambda=0}$$
$$= : (P+Q)^{n} : = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} : Q^{l} P^{n-l} : , \tag{59}$$

substituting (52) into (59) we derive

$$(P+Q)^{n} = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)^{k} k! \binom{l}{k} \binom{n-l}{k} P^{l-k} Q^{n-l-k}, \tag{60}$$

or using (54) we have

$$(P+Q)^{n} = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \binom{n}{l} \sum_{k=0}^{n} \left(\frac{-i}{2}\right)^{k} k! \binom{l}{k} \binom{n-l}{k} Q^{l-k} P^{n-l-k}.$$
 (61)

In sum, by virtue of the formula of operators' Weyl ordering expansion and the technique of integration within Weyl ordered product of operators we have found new two-fold integration transformation about the Wigner operator  $\Delta\left(q',p'\right)$  in phase space quantum mechanics, which provides us with a new approach for deriving mutual converting formulas among Q-P ordering, P-Q ordering and Weyl ordering of operators. A new c-number two-fold integration transformation in p-q phase space (Eq. (39)-(41)) is also proposed, we expect that it may have other uses in theoretical physics. In this way, the contents of phase space quantum mechanics [14] can be enriched.

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